

October 29, 2017

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



**St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith
community committed to
living and sharing the Gospel life.**

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am at the Parish Center
Chapel

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:
2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm at the
Church



Saturday, October 28, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Family
Sunday, October 29, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Daniel Berry by Jim & Rose O'Neil
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, October 30

8:00am Theodore Smith by Rossi Family

Tuesday, October 31

8:00a.m. Stephen Maruscak by Wife, Elaine

Wednesday, November 1, All Saints' Day (Liturgies held in Church)

12:00 p.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family

5:30 p.m. Helen Hujar by Cecilia Cermak

Thursday, November 2

8:00 a.m. Elinor Latta by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, November 3

NO MASS

Saturday, November 4, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Antonino De Luca by Family

Sunday, November 5, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

11:00a.m. Deceased members of Paske & Swartzmeyer Families by the Paske Family

Catherine's Cupboard

Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. We are open on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** No requirements except to show ID showing who you are. A person can come as often as needed. We are here to help, not to judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance. Canned or dry goods, plus paper & personal care products (**toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women's personal items**) are always needed and welcome. Drop off in the barrel at the church foyer or leave the items in the Parish Center.

Weekend's Offering (10-22-17)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,883.00
Loose Collection.....	\$433.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$651.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,967.00

Hope Appeal total donations so far are \$30,771 from 190 donors. We are 68.4% of the way to our 2017 commitment.

The diocese overall is at 80%!

\$14,070 LEFT TO GO for St. Francis!



Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-4 and 7-9 this week. Opening Prayer is in the church at 9:30 AM, dismissal in the school as usual.

Grades 5 and 6 will meet Noon--2:30 PM in the Parish Hall for their mini retreat with St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

First Reconciliation Rite of Changing Hearts will take place this weekend at the 11 AM Mass.

Looking Ahead

Circles of Care--the diocesan mandated Safe Environment session for children will take place on November 19th for grades K-9. An email was sent to all parents on October 19th --if you have not received the email or have questions about the sessions please see Maria Kirk. The curriculum is available to review on www.syrдио.org under "safe environment".

The training will be presented to the Confirmation Candidates on December 3rd at the end of their session.

World Marriage Day

The 33rd Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Feb 11, 2018 at 2:30pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. He will specially honor those couples celebrating 25th, 50th and beyond 50 years in 2018. Contact the parish office **before December 1st** to register.

OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY (CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD) WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO WORKED ON OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN. FRESH VEGGIES ARE A TREAT FOR OUR VISITOR'S.

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our homebound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones, especially Carmela Beaton.



Parish Book Club Returns

Beginning on Tuesday November 7th our book club will be reactivated meeting either at 2PM or 7PM as usual in the Parish Center. Our book of focus is entitled, Jesus was a Migrant, by Deirdre Cornell. A timely book because it is a moving and spiritually grounded presentation of the value to the United States of migrants, immigrants, and refugees. How are we as a people of faith to address this very important social concern? Deirdre Cornell and her husband, together with their five children, lived in Mexico for three years as Maryknoll missionaries. Previously they worked with migrant workers here in Upstate New York, and now continue that ministry.

Deirdre will be with us here in the parish the 1st Sunday of Advent. The book club is for those who wish to come together and discuss what was read and to learn from others their insight as well. If you just want to read the books on your own that is fine. Please call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) for your copy at only \$10!

Safe Environment Training

A reminder to all church volunteers, that the United States Council of Catholic Bishops requires everyone who volunteers or is employed by any church organization to be screened. Our diocesan upcoming Safe Environment Training will be held at these locations. Screening is required every 5 years. If you have been contacted to be screened or to have your certification renewed please take advantage of these opportunities. If you have questions you can contact Maria Kirk at 722-4177. Register online at www.syrдио.org.

Initial Safe Environment Training (PGC)

Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 PM

SS John & Andrew Parish, Binghamton

Wednesday, November 8th at 1:00 PM

Catholic Charities, Binghamton (limited seating)

Saturday, November 27th at 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Endicott

Recertification Training (EPDR)

Monday, October 30th at 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott

Saturday, November 11th at 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott

Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00 PM

Parish of Saints John & Andrew, Binghamton

CYO Basketball

CYO Basketball signups for grades 6-8 and 9-10 will be on November 1st from 6:00-7:30pm.

Black & White 5th Anniversary Fundraiser for Sean's Standing Strong Memorial Fund

(a not-for-profit foundation that financially assists young adults diagnosed with cancer)

Saturday, November 4th

7:00PM—10:00PM

Holiday Inn, 28 Hawley Street, Binghamton

\$40 Ticket (\$50 at the door) Includes:

Light fare, dessert, a cash bar, raffles and entertainment.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit:

www.seanstandingstrong.org

Collection for Homeless Coalition

The Confirmation Class again will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition **from November 5th until April 15th**. These are the needed items:

Bottles of Water or Gatorade, Insulated Socks, Thermal Underwear (L/XL), Warm Gloves, Warm Hats, Hand/Foot Warmers, Ponchos, Toothbrushes, Wipes, Fast Food Gift Cards, Clif Bars, Cracker Sandwiches, Raisins (or other dried fruit), Ziploc Bags, String Bags.

* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes, since women can wear them too.

We will have a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. There also will be a box at the church and another at the Parish Center.



Spaghetti
DINNER

To Benefit the No Fenton Compressor Station

Saturday, November 11th 5-8pm
St. Francis of Assisi Church - Parish Hall

Gluten Free Available!

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

\$10 Adults
\$5 Veterans
\$5 Children 12 & under
Children under 5 are FREE

Samaritan House, NEEDS HELP

Samaritan House is celebrating 20 years of helping those in need. To help us continue, we need blankets, sheets, towels, dishes, silverware, pots, pans, children's clothing, as well as hygiene products.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Mon.-Thurs: 8AM-11AM & 1PM-3:30PM

11 Fayette Street

Phone:724-3969

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule
Transportation

Week of October 29th — Ann Wilcox
Week of November 5th — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

October 30th — T. & M. Phalen
November 6th — A. Short & S. Vinci

Distribution

November 7th — M. Peters, A. Smilnak, C. Danoski,
R. Rounds, M. Quinn, M. Hayes

Maryknoll Magazine Student Essay Contest

Information for the 2017 Maryknoll Magazine Student Essay Contest is in the Faith Formation Office. This year's topic is "Recognizing Violence and Promoting Peace". The contest is open to students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12. Students are asked to write an essay citing examples of violence and telling what actions they are taking or could take to promote peace. Cash prizes of \$1000, \$300, and \$150 per division are awarded. The deadline is **November 10, 2017**.

Holly Day Fair

Featuring handmade crafts, holiday items, collectibles, raffles, bake sale and food

When: Fri. and Sat., November 10th & 11th

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Center
701 West Main Street, Endicott, NY

St. Francis Annual Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 5th, 2017

12:00PM — 3:00PM in the Church Hall

**Cost: \$8.00/adult or teen, \$7.00/adult 65+,
\$5.00/kid under 12, free/child under 5**

Our harvest dinner will be approaching soon. The sign-up sheets for working and/or donating food items, is posted on the bulletin board in the rear of the church. Please stop as you exit today and help make our Harvest Dinner a success.

We ask families to bake (bakery brought is ok too) 2 pies: Apple, pumpkin, or mince meat. Pies may be dropped off on Saturday, November 4th or Sunday morning, November 5th. If you need special drop off or pick up, call Kathy at (607)-621-6348. Help is needed to prepare Saturday morning at 9:00AM in the Church Hall.

Harvest Dinner Gift Basket

November 5th is the Harvest Dinner, time to plan now what your GIFT BASKET donation will be. The choices are always so wonderful and a part of the day so many look forward to. Plan now and drop off on November 4th in church hall.

Fall 2017 Parish Events: *HELP NEEDED*!

Nov. 4th & 5th: Harvest Dinner; we need gift baskets to raffle & someone to take charge of gift baskets, other jobs in the kitchen and at raffle tables will need filling.

Nov. 18th: Thanksgiving Basket give away; we need help on the 16th at 9:30AM preparing baskets, on the 17th we need a truck or a van to transport 70 turkeys from 4-5PM.

Nov. 25-Dec. 10: Giving Tree; we will need help putting tags on the tree and then on **Dec 11th to transport gifts**.

Dec. 9th: Pick up (truck or van) turkeys from Wegman's for pantry give away on the 19th 10:30-11:30.

As you can see there are various needs to complete many of the parish projects. Save this announcement and think about what **YOU** would like to help with. As time approaches call Delores at the parish center (722-4388) during regular office hours or sign up at church foyer (Harvest Dinner). Thank you! **OUR Parish needs YOU.**

Thanksgiving Donation Baskets

Slips will be available on October 28th/29th and baskets need to be returned to Parish Center/Pantry no later than November 15th. We will leave pantry door open during masses for the next couple weeks.

St. Francis will be doing 100 baskets including turkeys for families of 3 or more (families for 1 or 2 people will be offered gift cards). If you choose to make a monetary donation instead of shopping that would be great as we purchase gift cards, bread, and apples if affordable. Be sure to mark monetary donations as "THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS".

Volunteers are needed on Thursday November 16th at 9:30a.m. to put all the baskets together and organize the room for turkeys on Friday, November 17th. We could also use a hand picking up the 70 turkeys at Walmart (thank you to Catholic Charities) so we need a truck or large van plus strong bodies on that November 17th. Call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) to sign up.

Do YOU know of a family who could use a basket, no questions asked? Just call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) with the number of people in the family, how to reach them, and we will take care of them. Over 3,000 families have signed up so far at Catholic Charities this year in Broome County.

Turkey Party

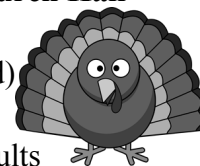
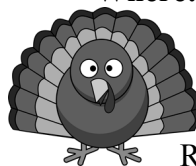
When: Friday, November 3rd at 7:00 P.M.

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

\$7.00 Admission

\$4.00 (under 12 years old)

Free under 5 years old



Raffles for children and adults

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 11403

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

November 4th & 5th, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Rick Allabaugh
EM Host	Catherine Shafer
EM Host	Peggy Munson
EM Host	Carol Danoski
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Debby Carden
EM Cup	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Teresa Creeden
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Michael Stricek
EM Host	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Tom Phalen
EM Host	Ed White
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Katie Ginalski
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Rose O'Neil
EM Host	Jules Furrer
EM Host	David Hanzes
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Joseph Frissora
EM Cup	Jim Lewis
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora

Question of the Week

Question for Children: We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself?

Question for Adults: Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words? For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.

END OF BULLETIN

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